

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Rathinam Jothi Mahalingam et al.)
SERIAL NO.: 10/757,921) Group Art Unit: 1616
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FOR: PROCESSES FOR PREPARING)
BENZOQUINONES AND)
HYDROQUINONES) Before the Examiner: S. Quazi

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Alexandria, VA 22313

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 4, 2007. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 1-31, 34, 37, and 38 drawn to a process of preparing aromatic hydroxyl compound, classified in Class 528, subclass 200+; and Group II, Claims 32, 33, 35, and 36, drawn to polycarbonates, classified in Class 528, various subclasses. Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I and II.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Claims 1-31, 34, 37, and 38, Group I, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0893.

Respectfully submitted,

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